

of learning the knowledge of the Gospel (*I Cor 15:3-8*) by seeing the witnesses for it, seeing Yahshua the Messiah, in the Bible and in the physical realm. There are many witnesses, a cloud of them in fact (*Heb 12:1*) that we can learn about and as we learn, the tests we go through become more and more ones of faith than of chastisement. Faith is a gift (*Eph 2:8; John 6:29*), many look but do not see, many listen but do not hear.

When we begin to learn the Gospel we are told we will be persecuted (*Mat 13:21; Mark 4:17; Acts 8:1, 11:19, 13:50; Rom 8:35, II Cor 12:10, II Thess 1:4; II Tim 3:11 & 12*). Indeed some persecution is unto the death as in the case of Stephen (*Acts 7 which ends in Stephen's physical death by stoning*). He is said to not have felt those stones, instead having a vision, and then to have "fallen asleep" which was what Yahshua Himself often called physical death making clear that there was an awakening, a resurrection of the soul, after physical death. Some people don't believe in a resurrection and often they think that what is taught in the Bible is that only the good are resurrected when, in fact, everyone shall be resurrected, good and bad, and receive their just rewards for their deeds in the flesh (*Rev 20:11-13*).

The whole idea of accepting Yahshua's sacrifice in our behalf is that His totally righteous blood will cover those who believe on Him so that they appear righteous, to Yahweh Who provided this salvation, even though their lives before having the Holy Spirit, which requires faith, was full of deeds worthy of death, spiritual death, or assignment to the realm of darkness forever. The tests we go through are to prepare us to receive the TRUTH of the Gospel, to render us humble enough to be able to see and hear and thus receive the evidence, the witnesses, so that we might have faith and be saved. Once saved we suffer persecution at the hands of the world because there is a spiritual warfare going on (*Eph 6:11-19*), which most people are not even aware of, a war between Yahshua and Satan, and since Yahshua, who is Yahweh Elohim in a physical body, created the angel Lucifer who became Satan it is because there is a spiritual warfare going on (*Eph 6:11-19*), which most people are not even aware of, a war between Yahshua and Satan, and since Yahshua, who is Yahweh Elohim in a physical body, created the angel Lucifer who became Satan it is